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1. GENERAL ZIA'S JULY 14 NEWS CONFERENCE (INITIALLY REPORTED
REFTEL) WAS COVERED IN GREATER DETAIL IN JULY 15 PRESS. MORNING
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NEWSPAPERS REPORT ZIA ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING SDDITIONAL TOPICS.

---REPROCESSING - ASKED IF THE GOP WOULD HONOR ITS AGREEMENT
TO PURCHASE THE PLANT, ZIA,REPLIED "I SEE NO REASON WHY WE

SHOULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION OF THIS WHEN WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WILL
ABIDE BY ALL THE AGREEMENTS AND ACCORDS. THE REPROCESSING PLANT

IS ONE OF THEM."

---US INTERFERENCE -

- WHEN ASKED ABOUT BHUTTO'S ALLEGATIONS OF "MASSIVE FOREIGN INTERVENTION", ZIA FINESSED THE QUESTION BY RESPONDING "IF I SAY SOMETHING ON THIS, IT WOULD ONLY BE OF ACADEMIC INTERESTS".

---FOREIGN AFFAIRS - ZIA REITERATED PAKISTAN'S THANKS TO THE MUSLIM STATES WHICH TRIED TO HELP FIND A SOLUTION TO THE POLITICAL IMPASSE. HE ALSO NOTED THERE HAD BEEN A FAVORABLE FOREIGN REACTION TO THE MILITARY MOVE. CONCERNING PAKISTAN'S IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS, ZIA SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "REASONABLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE" FROM AFGHANISTAN. HE TWICE MENTIONED INDIA POSITIVELY DURING THE CONFERENCE, ONCE WHEN HE SAID PAKISTAN WILL LEARN FROM INDIA, AMONG OTHERS, SHOW TO DEVISE A SOUND AND FAIR ELECTION PROCEDURE. HE ALSO WELCOMED DELHI'S COMMENT THAT THE TAKEOVER WAS AN INTERNAL PAKISTANI AFFAIR.

---SHAHI TOUR - ZIA SAID THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY GENERAL NHA SHAHI WILL LEAVE ON A TOUR IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. YE GENERAL IMPLIED SHAHI WOULD VISIT IRAN; WE ASSUME HE WILL PROBABLY ALSO MAKE THE USUAL ROUNDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF REGION EXPLAINING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES.

---ELECTION RULES AND COMMISSION - ZIA SAID THAT A NEW ELECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN A "DAY OR TWO". HE ADDED THAT THE MILITARY COUNCIL HAD ALREADY APPROVED DRAFT ELECTION RULES WHICH WOULD BE REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF "PUBLIC INDIVIDUALS" FOR SUGGESTIONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE POLITICAL LEADERS WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT THE FRAMEWORK AND WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BARGAIN OVER ITS PROVISIONS.

---RELEASE OF LEADERS AND DETENUES - THE GENERAL SAID HE PROPOSED TO RELEASE THE DETAINED POLITICAL LEADERS "IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS", AND HE PLANNED TO SEE THEM IN SEVERAL DAYS. HE ALSO SAID HE HAS ISSUED ORDERS THAT AHW OTHER POLITICAL DETENUES IN THE COUNTRY ARE TO BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RELEASED.

---TALKS WITH BHUTTO AND MUFTI - ZIA SAID HE HAS TALKED WITH BHUTTO AND PNA LEADER MUFTI MAHMUD ABOUT THREE TIMES SINCE JULY FIFTH. HE SAID THEY SEEMED TO BE "QUITE HAPPY AND ENJOYING THEIR LIFE". HE ADDED THAT THEY HAD "A LOT OF THINKING TO DO" SINCE "THEY HAVE THE DESTINY OF THE COUNTRY IN THEIR HANDS".

---COMMENTS ON BHUTTO - ZIA CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN MISQUOTED WHEN HE SAID BHUTTO WOULD HAVE WON THE MARCH ELECTION EVEN WITHOUT RIGGING. HE CLAIMED THAT WHAT HE REALLY SAID WAS THAT HE DID

NOT KNOW WHY SOME ELEMENTS IN THE PPP HAD RIGGED THE ELECTION
SINCE "PERHAPS THEY WOULD HAVE WON EVEN OTHERWISE".

--BALUCHISTAN - IN YET A FURTHER SIGN THAT ZIA PLANS TO IMPLEMENT
ALL THE AGREED PROVISIONS OF THE STILLBORN GOVERNMENT/PNA ACCORD,
HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE ARMY WOULD BEGIN WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM
BALUCHISTAN "WELL IN TIME" FOR THE ELECTIMF CAMPAIGN.

---HAMOODUR REHMAN REPORT THAT AFTER THE 1971 WAR, A SPECIAL
COMMISSION CHAIRED BY JUSTICE HAMOODUR REHMAN WROTE MEI
EXTENSIVE REPORT ON THE CAUSES OF THE NATION'S DISMEMBERMENT.
AN OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY SENSITIVE DOCUMENT, IT HAS NEVER BEEN RELEASED.
ZIA, DEFTLY REFUSING TO HANDLE SUCH A HOT POLITICAL ITEM, SAID
THAT SINCE IT HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED FOR FOUR YEARS, ANOTHER 80
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DAYS WILL NOT MATTER. "IT WILL BE FOR THE NEW ELECTED GOVERNMENT
TO TAKE A DECISION".
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